

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: RAO ET AL. Examiner: M. BAFAR  
Serial No.: 10/014,842 Group Art Unit: 1617  
Filed: December 10, 2001 Docket No.: 11378.36US01  
Title: CHOLESTEROL LOWERING STRUCTURED LIPIDS CONTAINING  
OMEGA 6 POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS AND THE PROCESS  
THEREOF

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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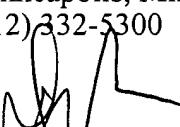
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 4, 2004, said period of response being extended from May 4, 2004 to June 4, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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